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Subject: Internet Users and Phone Lines -Reply

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From: rm8775@fcc.gov

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>>> MS DEBRA L HEILMAN <UBBV08A@prodigy.com> 11/16/96 11:41pm >>>

Dear Sirs:

I have just been told that phone companies are trying to find a way to charge internet users phone line charges for their time on the internet. I must let you know that I, along with ALL internet users, cannot find any justification for this outrageous request from the phone companies!

If I am calling a local number, whether it be for faxing, paging, phoning, or using the internet.....it should ALL be consistent with the line I am using!!!! I am using a phone line....who cares what for????

I am absolutely INFURIATED over this obvious "GET RICH SCHEME" for the phone companies!!!!

PLEASE,,,WE ALL PLEAD...PLEASE...DON'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT!!! What's next? If I'm using a fax,,it's so much per minute...a beeper call is so much more!!!! And what if I'm simply making a phone call?

AND...how will the phone companies be able to decipher between all of the types of calls? Perhaps they could spend millions and CHARGE US FOR THAT TOO!!!

I will first, with all due respect, ask and request of you that you do not allow this to happen! However, if I even see a HINT of this becoming a possibility, I will not only protest the issue myself,,,I will recruit everyone, every stranger, everyone I meet on the internet to do the same! I will not stop there, I will bring the press in on it...I will do everything POSSIBLE to prevent this infringement from happening. This I make as a promise to the FCC and to us...the people.

Thank you for hearing me...I hope you do.

Sincerely,

Debra Heilman UBBV08A@prodigy.com

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From: Ronnie Primeaux <premo@iAmerica.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/18/96 11:16pm
Subject: Opinion on additional charges for Internet connection.

I think the additional charges the Bells are trying to get out of people surfing the Internet is not right. I pay a flat fee to connect and surf the Internet, now Bell want to charge me an additional amount for the time I'm connected. That's a bunch of bull. There are a lot of local companies popping up and Bell is asking to lose some business.

Thanks for hearing me out.
Ronnie Primeaux
Lafayette, La. premo@iAmerica.net

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From: Alan Stein <alandds@earthlink.net>
To: A16.A16(rm8775)
Date: 11/18/96 10:51pm
Subject: Time charges for internet connections

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Dear Sir/Madames,

I have heard that the telephone companies are lobbying to charge per minute for internet access. This is terrible. It will limit internet communications to the rich only. Students, who have the most to benefit, and the poor will be locked out. It is your job to protect those who have no money or voice.

The telephone companies are rich enough. Do your job, protect the little person.

Sincerely,

Alan R. Stein alandds@earthlink.net

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("adrihil@exis.net")
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>>> AdriAnne Hill <adrihil@exis.net> 11/18/96 12:05pm >>>

Don't allow the telephone companies to get in on the internet express.

Please allow the ISP's to continue to do the outstanding job they are already doing. The internet is now available and affordable to almost everyone. Please keep it a level playing field and keep the telephone companies from charging anything for access. I beg you, if you allow the telephone companies to charge, you'll eliminate many small businesses and individuals from using the internet. And neither will they be able to supply the customer service that local ISP's do. DON'T GIVE THE TELEPHONE COMPANIES ANYTHING IN THIS REQUEST!!

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>>> RICHARD NIEMEYER <totalinc@midwest.net> 11/18/96 02:27pm >>>

Dear Sirs,

I'm writting to implore you that you tell the major telephone company's NO on there petition to place users fee on Internet use.

The telephone company's have raping the America public to long, this must not pass.

This would cost America's business, to much.

Richard J. Niemeyer, PMC
SS # 323-60-4048
President & CEO
Total Business & Financial Consultants, Inc. .

>>i received this message email and thought it was worth passing on. it >>costs nothing for us to get involved and could save us all loads of >>money.

>> On a news broadcast last night from Denver, they said that >>the major phone companies are petitioning the FCC to charge Internet >>users a fee, much like long distance, to use their telephone lines for >>all their on-line time.

>> I am sending you the e addy for the FCC. Would you please >>send this message to all your e-mail contacts asking them to write a >>short message to the FCC in an effort to implore them NOT to grant the >>phone companies this request?

>> fccinfo@fcc.gov

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From: FCCINFO
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>>> Chris Bowes <CBOWES@WPO.HCC.COM> 11/18/96 02:29pm >>>
To whom it may concern:

When you get the petition from the phone companies for charging for internet connect time, tell them to take a hike. The bottom line is their costs are no different and they already get enough cash from us. Who we call and what we call are none of their concern. Thank you.

--Chris Bowes
CBOWES@WPO.HCC.COM

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>>> James Sheil <jsheil@exis.net> 11/18/96 02:34pm >>>

I would just like to go on record saying that I am firmly opposed to the telephone companies charging for internet use. I am already paying a fee to my ISP and I have been looking forward to being able to use the internet well into old age. Should the phone companies get their way this would severely limit the use of the internet by people of modest income. Information that should be available to ALL people will then become available only to people wealthy enough to BUY it. The phone companies should have been upgarding their equipment all along to keep pace with the expanding needs of the people. Let the telcos dig down into those deep pockets and start using some of that profit they make off us consumers every year to upgrade their equipment.

My ISP has continued to keep up with the ever increasing demand by constantly upgrading their equipment and adding equipment. We citizens are not stupid. We know that the telcos would like to push out the independent ISP so they (the telcos) will have a firm grip on the internet market. This is a blatant act of the telcos monopolizing the Internet market. I will continue to fight this move and will firmly campaign against it. I also intend to notify my Senator and Congressmen of my displeasure at the telcos request. Thank you for letting me voice my opinion.

James Sheil jsheil@exis.net

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From: FCCINFO
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("six_flags_troll@hotmail.com")
Date: 11/18/96 2:44pm
Subject: Long Distance Charge For The Internet!! -Reply

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>>> Jason Heath <six_flags_troll@hotmail.com> 11/18/96 04:46pm >>>
Dear FCC:

I am writing to you to let you know that what you are trying to do is just plain old BULLSHIT!!! As we head into the future, we have to realize that communication is going to get cheaper no matter what. So let's keep it that way!!! The internet is the only form of communication that we have that is so cheap. We pay our monthly fees. We pay our phone bills. We pay our taxes. Leave it at that. The internet is our way of communicating with the world without having to pay so high of prices. We can talk to someone that's half-way around the world now!! To get to the point, LEAVE THE INTERNET ALONE!!!!

Sincerely,

Jason Heath
A concerned citizen.

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From: Sharon Jenkins
To: FCCMAIL.SMTP("az@exis.net")
Date: 11/18/96 3:48pm
Subject: Chairman's Column Comments -Reply

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>>> <az@exis.net> 11/18/96 02:36pm >>>
C Paul (az@exis.net) writes:

My view is that the local phone company gets paid for the ISP lines just as they do from anywhere else and should provide the service that is expected now.

I do not find the idea about not having enough money to be believable.

A few years ago when they wanted to charge extra for BBS operators but dropped the idea when the people protested.

Now they see another opportunity to jack up prices and try to squeeze out some big money from internet users.

Many of us have internet use because it is more affordable now. And the phone company is the last place I want my internet access to come from.

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>>> <awood@exis.net> 11/18/96 11:46am >>>
Andy Wood (awood@exis.net) writes:

I have to say that I am more than just a little upset over the request of the telcos. One of the great points of the internet is that information is shared and people talk without bias (for the most part) as to race, creed, social casts, and most other prejudices that build walls between people. If the telcos are allowed to impose high rates to ISPs, that will get bounced to the end users, then the people who enjoy the net the most will be driven off. I don't do bad for myself, but, I can't afford what will end up to be the monthly charges if this is allowed.

It's time for the telcos to tow the line. The small provider I use has spent 100s of thousands of dollars in improvements to meet the demands of the customers and they just had a price reduction. Some part of me tells me that this is a sorry excuse to drive off the small providers and corner the ISP market. If their networks are "suffering" why are they adding to the "problem" and offering service themselves at the same competitive rates. Why is it that they are willing to spend the money to become more than what they are but not to support their voice customers. It seems strange that as soon as they started marketing their ISP services that they are now crying to the FCC for new laws.

Please, tell the greedy telcos NO.

Thank you for your time,
Andy
awood@exis.net

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>>> Joe <jjust@exis.net> 11/18/96 03:25pm >>>

Various phone companies now want to charge per minute for people using their phones to access the Internet through private ISPs, this at a time when the phone companies themselves are, arguably, creating a conflict of interest as they set up to be ISPs themselves.

If the phone companies succeed at differentially charging for voice and data, consumers will initially experience much higher Internet access fees, and in the long run, competitive companies might be driven out of the business, causing even higher charges for the customers.

I am strongly against phone companies being allowed to make differential voice and data rates, and urge you at the FCC to stop this in its tracks.

Dr. J.L. Just jjust@exis.net

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